



INTERNATIONAL MARINE MINERALS SOCIETY

President's Message and Membership Renewal

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Let me introduce myself as the incoming President of the International Marine Minerals Society for the term of office 2003 through 2004. The development of marine minerals and its associated technologies, scientific research, environmental management, and legal issues continues to progress, and we will strive to keep you informed of these exciting advancements. The Society has an active program and is planning on two newsletters a year, an Underwater Mining Institute in Korea in October 2003, and an Underwater Mining Institute in London in September 2004. These Institutes continue a trend started in New Zealand last year to make the UMI truly international. Please pencil the dates into your diaries, 6-10 October 2003 and 1-5 September 2004, the latter being immediately after the International Geological Congress in Florence, Italy (only a two hour flight from London), at which there will also be a Marine Minerals Meeting.

Please take a moment now to renew your membership in the IMMS for 2003 by completing the application attached or simply sending an email with the pertinent information to our administrative office. The low membership fee of US\$15 remained the same since IMMS was created in 1987, and helps to produce and distribute the newsletters, sponsor students to the UMI, and encourage basic and applied research in all aspects of marine mineral exploration and development.

Also attached is an updated listing of our Executive Board, which includes past presidents who now have been invited to remain as advisors to IMMS.

I look forward with enthusiasm in serving as President, and very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Korea, Florence, and London.

Best Wishes,

David Cronan